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CABLE AND CABLE SO MANUFACTURED - being a Continuation of PCT
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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and cited in the international search report. Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

The following is listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and is in a non-English language:

1. European Patent Application No. EP 0 235 753 A1

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English document, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the European Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this

national phase U.S. application is derived, citing this document and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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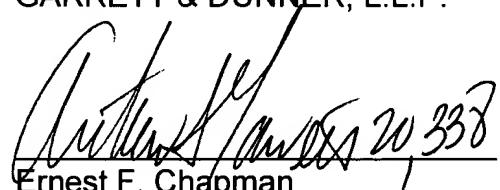
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